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The Calling

Since the dawn of time man has hunted & fished. Those who would slay the mighty Beast and bring home the bacon were honored and valued by family and friends. These early hunters were the first Heroes and appreciated by all.

The great stories of the hunt were told in the ancient paintings on the walls of caves and passed down from father to son in stories told around the campfires.

Anyone could pick a banana, but only the brave and the skilled could face the challenges that awaited them in the dark forest. Those were dangerous times when men teamed together to hunt the beast that would provide the nourishment needed to last the coming winter.

This was a time when boys became men through trial and fire. When the older boys would become unruly the men would come for them. Taken away from the safety of their mothers and sent forth into the world, they entered the "Men's Society" to learn to hunt and kill. Those were the first rights of passage and the boys had to do it. Through hunting they became useful members of the society.

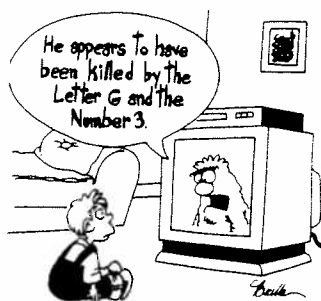
Two-Thousand years of civilization cannot wipe out the genetic DNA code that has been passed down by the first Hunter. Autumn is in the Air and the hunters are gathering to do the annual harvest of the beast.

Let others haul water, scrape hides and tend the fires, a Hero is needed to rise from the crowd and stand before the elements and face all that nature has to offer. Come slay the Beast and feed the Family.

Awaken the ancient hunter;
call forth the Beast Slayer...



Guns & Glory the "Beast Slayers"
- Front Row - Bryan James, Mike Gaffney, Bruce Davis, Charles Vieth, Sean Hughes, & Frank Cahouet - NICE GUNS



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And Our Guest of the Month is Dan Bianchi



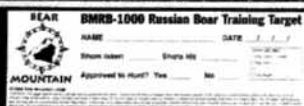
DANNY AND "THE BOYS"

Dan has been hunting and fishing with me from the beginning. Dan smoked a nice Trophy Boar with his .338 Win. Mag at Bear Mountain (his shoulder mount is on the wall in the Bad Bears Den), and he has caught more fish than I can count on the "MJ." (I worked with Dan in a previous life and he played a major role in my transition as the "Moose Man").

Dan was there when I shot my first whitetail with a muzzleloader and caught my first bow kill whitetail on video. We've been to Isle Royale National Park on the "MJ" and had all kinds of adventures (this spring we did a trip to Isle Royale that was a great guy!

Nowadays we hunt together whenever we get the chance. I had the experience of a bowhunting trip with Dan for whitetail last fall in a raging snowstorm. No tags punched on that trip, but I did pop a nice 7-pointer with my .30-06 during rifle season at his camp.

Dan has referred lots of friends and family to Bear Mountain and I am looking forward to having him and his family at Bear Mountain this fall. Keep your eye out as you may see Dan, stopping out to the lodge or cruising down to the boat, as he is from Marquette, and he's full of great stories.



"ALPHA BEAST"

Each day spent
hunting at Bear
Mountain adds
a day to the
life of the hunter.

NOTICE
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does not become
the hunter!

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Practice, Practice, Practice

Get yourself a FREE Official Bear Mountain Russian Boar Training Target with every referral. These targets are high-quality, lifelike and without a bullseye so they are a little tougher to hit than your garden variety target. Sort of a mini-trip to Bear Mountain!

Hunting Market

\$76 Billion

And – Growing!

for 2006

**208 Million dollars a
Day being spent...**

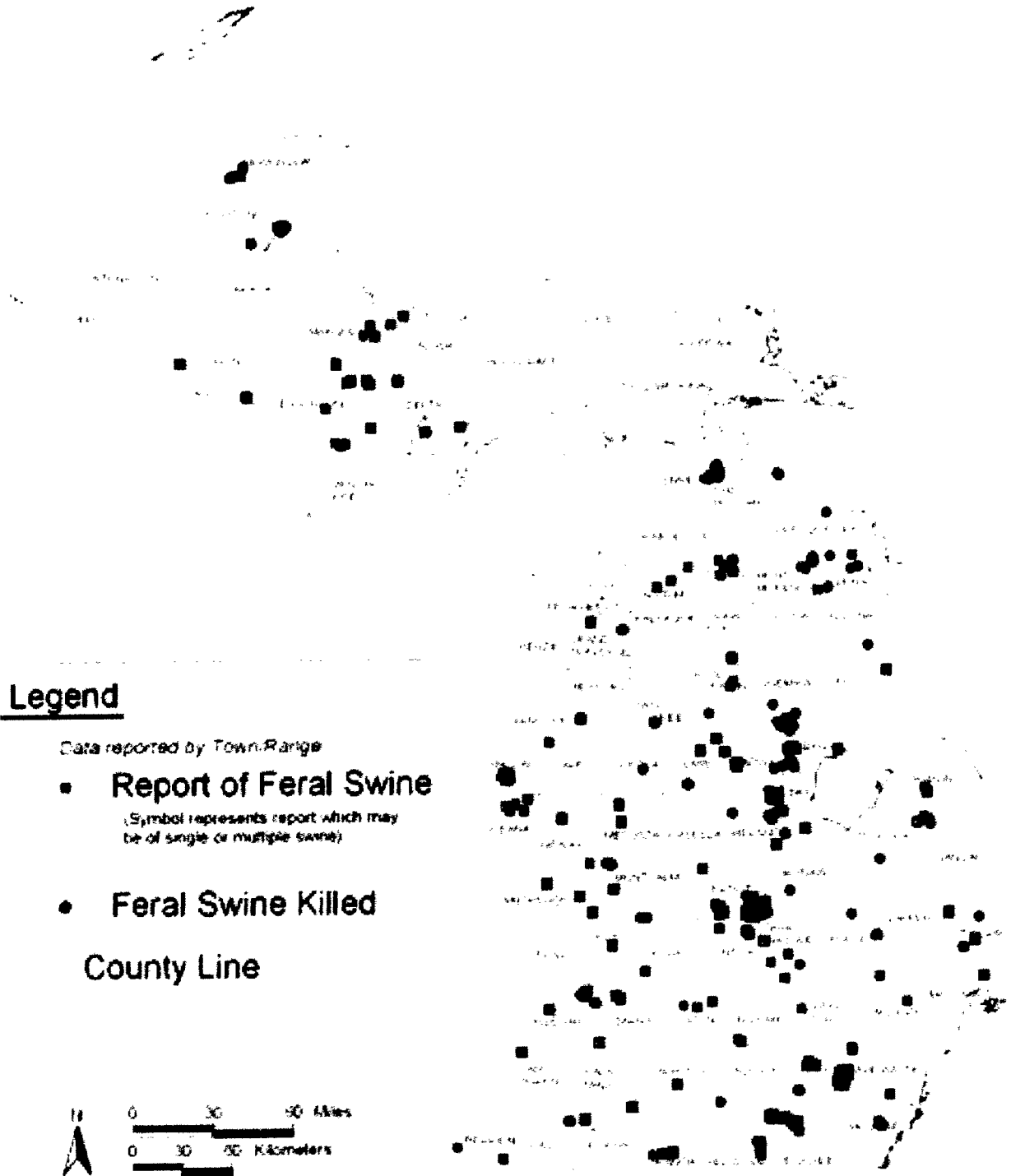
Bear Mountain's Last 50 Guests

17 Separate States

Name	Location
Aldon Castle	Gilbert, Arizona
David Drew	Wichita, Kansas
Gerry and Mike Narske	Schaumburg, Illinois
Mike Edwards	Grove City, Ohio
Joseph Jenders	Brookfield, Wisconsin
Eric Wisniowski	Anchorage, Alaska
Jay Paradies	Sommerset, Wisconsin
Dave Crooks	Prior Lake, Minnesota
David Shreeve	Forsyth, Montana
John Firmn	Boston, Massachusetts
Jake Barlow	Palo Cedro, California
John Paradies	Holcombe, Wisconsin
Randy Stocker	Paradise, Utah
Carlton Yanke	Owatonna, Minnesota
Matt Cook	Bainbridge Island, Washington
Clay Antholz	Franklin, Wisconsin
Terry Griswold	Cameron, Illinois
Rolland Englund	Cambridge, Illinois
Mike Deming	Cedar City, Utah
Kristiana Lang	Burlington, Washington
Mike McKearney	Sierra Vista, Arizona

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Feral Swine Reported or Killed in Michigan -2001-2009-



Revised 01/16/09

SHORT	MEDIUM	LONG
<p>Letter to prosecuting attorneys</p> <p>Inclusion of privately owned shooting swine group</p> <p>Talking Points</p> <p>Close Michigan borders</p> <p>Amend Animals Running at Large Law</p> <p>Amend Dangerous Animals Law</p> <p>Guidelines for hunters</p> <p>MDA to follow up on sightings</p>	<p>Report activities to Commissions</p> <p>Educate and enlist help from Animal Control Officers</p> <p>Update animal shelters</p> <p><i>- Not Done</i></p>	<p>No feral swine</p> <p>No swine shooting</p>

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June 15, 2007

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Re: Feral swine

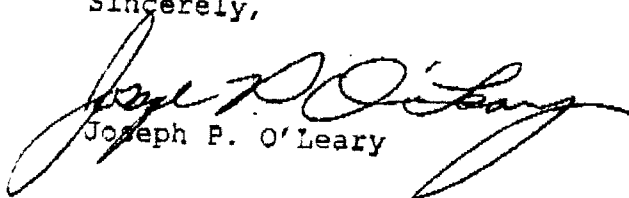
Dear Mr. Rodriquez,

Having reviewed your June 11, 2007 letter informing me of the "emerging animal issue" of feral swine it was difficult not to be offended. However, I do understand that in Lansing administrations change and institutional memories fade quickly. I also understand that the experience and concerns of citizens residing in the Upper Peninsula are seldom taken seriously. For that reason I will withhold my anger. Nonetheless, I simply could not resist responding to your request that I help you "effectively eliminate feral swine".

Attached is correspondence between myself and the Department of Agriculture. As you can see, I was first confronted with this "emerging animal issue" five years ago. Despite numerous warnings and repeated requests for assistance, Baraga County received no help from the Department of Agriculture (MDA), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), or any other state agency. Indeed, no state agency so much as acknowledged that a problem existed which merited its attention. Of course, now that the problem has festered and presents statewide health, safety and environmental issues the MDA and DNR at last recognize the true nature of the very threat I brought to their attention in 2002. Good actions come better late than never.

In case anyone is interested, we have already eliminated feral swine in Baraga County, without any assistance from Lansing. The last reported sighting of these creatures was in November of 2002. If I can be of assistance in MDA's effort to address this "emerging issue" I will be glad to help. You may rest assured that I will not treat you in the same dismissive manner I was treated 5 years ago.

Sincerely,



Joseph P. O'Leary

cc: Kim Eddie, PAAM
Liesl Clark, MDA
Steve Halstead, MDA



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May 21, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter regarding Greg Johnson and Bear Mountain Lodge, which is his business located in my county.

I have known Greg for over 15 years as an outstanding citizen and very professional business owner/operator through both his Charter Fishing Business and Bear Mountain Lodge.

The purpose of this letter is to state that there is not, and has not been, a problem with Feral Swine in our county. We have not received any calls for service or complaints of Feral Swine in our office.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns, questions or issues regarding this matter. I can be reached during normal business hours at 906-225-8437 (W), after hours, weekends, and holidays at 906-485-4269 (H) and any other time on my mobile phone at 906-458-8882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael H. Lovelace".

Michael H. Lovelace
Sheriff



Man claims ownership of hogs that were shot

by Brian McVicar | The Muskegon Chronicle

Thursday April 30, 2009, 12:21

Chronicle photo|Darren BreenMuskegon Chronicle employee Jim Boes shot four feral hogs near his Dalton Township home, including a 514-pound female. Now a Muskegon man is claiming the pigs were his and he should be paid for them.

Fencing for Sporting Swine Hunting Estates- A Simple Engineered Solution that

Objective of the enclosure system is to keep Swine in and keep undesirable animals out.

The enclosure system must do the following – eliminate animals from 1) going over the fence, 2) from under the fence and 3) from going through the fence.

As a Geological Engineer I have had the opportunity to design and oversee the construction of 10's of millions of dollars worth of environmental and land development projects throughout the United States for the past 20 years.

I designed, permitted and provided oversight for the construction of Bear Mtn Lodge, a 4,500 square foot hunting estate. Bear Mountain is specifically built for Russian Boar Hunting. This is not a backyard cove. Bear Mountain is fully engineered and professionally operated facility.

This hunting preserve is engineered, built and operated for 100% containment and has been successfully functioning since 2002 (going on 8 years of operation) with Zero Releases from the containment system.

Using Best Engineering Practices I have never had an escaped swine (Design, Construction, Operation and Monitoring). Bear Mountain LLC is also a licensed privately owned cervid facility within the State of Michigan.

The components of the containment system have been inspected and evaluated by 1) Michigan Department of Agriculture, 2) USDA, 3) MDNR and 4) USWD personnel numerous times. This system works. Period.

Monitoring of the containment system and inspection of the fence and enclosure system component is conducted weekly.

A large perimeter clearing allows for visual perimeter checks, making it easy to see if anything is attempting to exit or enter the enclosure.

There are two main components of the enclosure:

1) The wire woven game fence that is 10 feet high and constructed of 15 foot long, $2\frac{7}{8}$ inch diameter schedule 40 steel drill rods that are driven 4.5 feet into the ground.

2) The second part of the system is an electrical fencing unit that keeps animals from contacting the fence, eliminating the problem with boar excavating under the fence. As noted in the reports they keep away from the fence.

This system is simple, easy to operate and effective. Maintenance is easy and straightforward as well as accessible.

The system is easy to test to make sure wire is conducting electricity and easy to turn off for any maintenance, adjusting tension, replacing insulators, etc. the system is low cost and readily available from a local farm store or over the counter at a hardware store such as Menards.

This electrical system in combination with the high tensile game fence works and this system keeps swine away from the fence. (As documented in the numerous inspections and reports from over 4 different governmental agencies, DNR, MDA, USDA, USWD,)

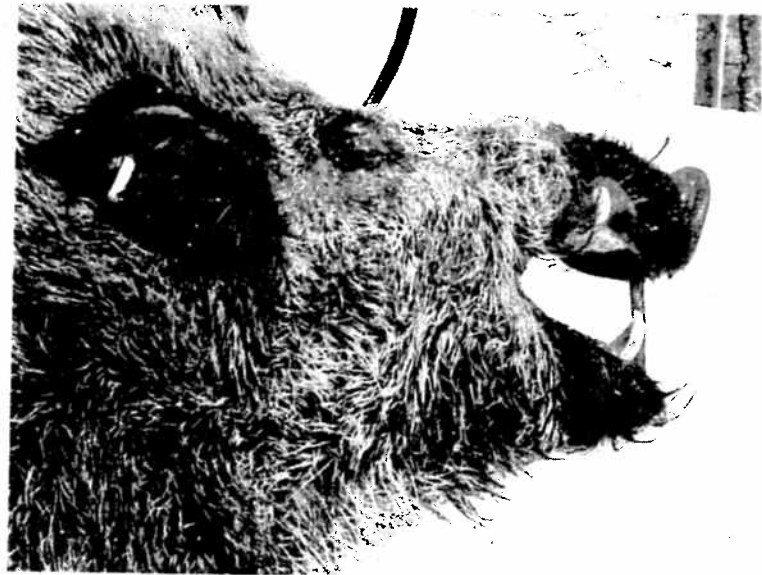
Proper Record Keeping for Importation of Swine into Michigan

Cradle to Grave – Record keeping done right!

Each swine contains two different ear tags. One metal tag for individual identification, and one plastic tag for proof of blood testing. Before importation, all swine are inspected at their origin by a Veterinarian. (see enclosure)



Silver Metal Tag for Individual Identification



Silver Metal Tag for Individual Identification



Plastic Ear Tag for Blood Test Identification



Plastic Ear Tag for Blood Test Identification

Proper Operations – See attached Importation Documents

All swine are inspected by a USDA Veterinarian prior to importation. (see following page) The Veterinarian cross checks the metal identification tags and the plastic blood testing tags with the documentation.

Methodology for Swine Importation into Michigan from Canada

Hunting Swine are typically imported into Michigan to provide replenishment of breeding livestock and hunting livestock.

Proper importation of Swine into Michigan provides a chain of custody to allow a "Cradle to Grave" tracking system. Stringent protocol when followed eliminates the threat of transmission of disease into the environment and protects public health.

Canada is Pseudorabies Virus (PRV) free and follows the following protocol for importation of swine into Michigan.

- 1) The Swine are to be visually inspected by a veterinarian (D.V.M.) and shall be found to be free of evidence of communicable disease and have not been exposed to any such disease during the preceding 60 days.
- 2) Letter Number 1 of Documentation of the Inspection to accompany the swine as they are imported into Michigan. Document to include Date of Inspection, Location of Inspection, Type of Animals Inspected and Signature by the Accredited D.V.M. who conducted the Inspection.
- 3) Each individual animal is to be tested negative for PRV and Brucellosis within 30 days of Importation. (Currently since Canada is PRV Free the testing has been for Brucellosis)
- 4) Each individual animal is to have two tags an official identification tag and a corresponding tag to document the blood tests that were performed on the animal.
- 5) Letter Number 2 of Documentation of the Tagged and Test animals to accompany the swine as they are imported into Michigan. Document to include Date of Inspection, Total Number of Animals and Location of Inspected and Signature by the Accredited D.V.M. who conducted the Inspection.
- 6) Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Swine in the United States with unique Reference Number that identifies each individual animal by Ear Tag, Age, Sex Description and Plastic Tag Number. Document is Sealed with an Official Canadian Export Stamp and is signed by the Official Veterinarian of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Accredited Veterinary Practitioner and Dated.
- 7) Final Documents are the Certificate of Inspection by the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services. Documenting Number of Animals, Species, Type and Purpose of Importation, and other important information, regarding Port of Entry, Country of Origin and the recipient and destination of the delivery. Sealed, dated and signed by a D.M.V. Veterinary Inspector.
- 8) The Documentation and manifest is to stay with the owner of the delivery location. The Documentation is made available for inspection from the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Natural Resources.
- 9) Once an animal has been harvested, a blood sample is collected and tested for PRV and Brucellosis as part of an ongoing monitoring and surveillance program through Michigan State Laboratory.